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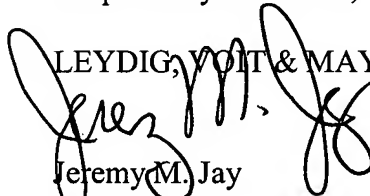
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Dear Sir:

Please furnish us the status of the above-noted patent application. It has been nineteen months since the application was filed and as of today our office has no record of receiving an action.

Respectfully submitted,

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